

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 6, 8, 12, 15, 17, 26, 29 and 31 as follows:

Claim ~~3~~, line 1, please delete "or 2";

Claim ~~6~~, line 1, please amend "any one of claims 1 to 5" to read --claim 1--;

Claim ~~8~~, line 1, please amend "any one of claims 1 to 7" to read --claim 1--;

Claim ~~12~~, line 1, please delete "or 10";

Claim ~~15~~, line 1, please amend "any one of claims 9 to 13" to read --claim 9--;

Claim ~~17~~, line 1, please amend "any one of claims 10 to 16" to read --claim 10--;

Claim ~~26~~, line 1, please delete "or 25";

Claim ~~29~~, line 1, please amend "any one of claims 24 to 28" to read --claim 24--; and

Claim ~~31~~, line 1, please amend "any one of claims 24 to 30" to read --claim 24--.

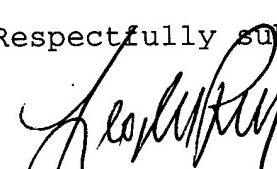
REMARKS

As originally prepared, Claims 6-9, 15-18 and 29-32 did not comply with the multiple dependent claim style

specified by U.S. law. The amendments submitted herewith have been made to eliminate all multiple dependencies. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by so doing.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered before an action on the merits is issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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